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Ref: 19-F-0241

Mr. Masato Tainaka
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Dear Mr. Tainaka:

This is in response to your October 31, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. We received your request on November 6, 2018 and assigned it case number 19-F-0241. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems based on the information provided in your request. After thorough search of their electronic records and files, no records of the kind you described could be identified. We believe that these search methods were appropriate and could reasonably be expected to produce the requested records if they existed.

As DTRA and PACOM operates their own FOIA programs, and would have cognizance over the information you have requested. We have referred your FOIA request to DTRA and PACOM for search and direct response to you. If you have any questions concerning this referral, you may write directly to DTRA and PACOM at the following addresses:

Defense Threat Reduction Agency
COSMI FOI/Privacy Office
8725 John J. Kingman Rd
Ft Belvoir, VA 22060-6201

U.S. Pacific Command
Attn: J06 FOIA Requester Service Center
Box 64022
Camp H.M. Smith, HI 96861-4022

This action closes your request with this office, and there are no assessable fees associated with this response. If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Jim Hogan, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You

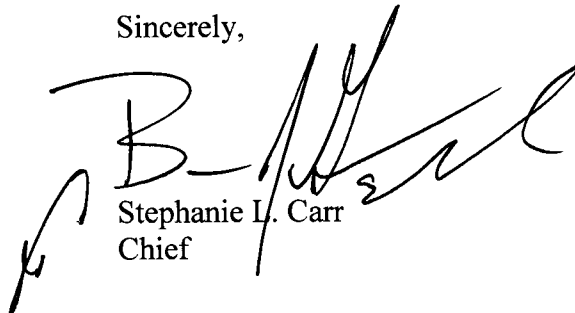
may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 19-F-0241 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Ms. Nusheen Sikandar, nusheen.sikandar.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0437.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:
As stated.

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Defense Freedom of Information Division
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October 31, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

I would like to access all the documents related to the Operation Tomodachi or the US disaster relief operation after Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant meltdown in 2011.

I am a Japanese journalist of the Asahi Shimbun newspaper, and I am requesting a fee waiver.

I have written several articles on the issue on Asahi Shimbun.

I also published recently an Amazon-Japan bestselling book titled "Soldiers Left Behind (Hyoryu suru Tomodachi)," which is about the Operation Tomodachi.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Masato Tainaka

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For mailed responses, please address (see note):

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